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18 – DAVID & THE ARK (2 SAMUEL 6:1-23; 1 CHRONICLES 13:1-14; 15:1-16:43)

I. David Seeks the Ark (2 Samuel 6:1-5; 1 Chronicles 13:1-8)

- David consulted with leaders of Israel to gather the Levites who were spread throughout Israel.
- They would then bring the Ark back to nation since no one has inquired of it since the days of Saul.
- The leaders of the Israel agreed to do this since it seemed right to them.
- So David gathered all Israel from the north to the south to bring the Ark.
- They carried the Ark on a new cart and two men drove the cart.
- David and all Israel played music before God in a procession with the cart.

II. Uzzah & the Ark (2 Samuel 6:6-11; 1 Chronicles 13:9-14)

- During the journey, the oxen pulling the cart stumbled and Uzzah touched the ark to steady it.
- God's anger was immediately aroused and he killed Uzzah while he was near the Ark of God.
- David became angry because of Uzzah being killed, which then turned to fear.
- David questioned if the Ark would ever come to him and it was taken to house of Obed-Edom.
- The Ark stayed there three month and God blessed Oded-Edom with his household.

III. David's Second Attempt (2 Samuel 6:12-15; 1 Chronicles 15:1-28)

- Seeing that the Lord was blessing Obed-Edom, David decided to make another attempt.
- This time the Ark was carried by the Levites as the Law prescribed.
- Wearing a linen ephod, David danced before the Lord as all Israel brought the Ark up.

IV. Michal's Contempt (2 Samuel 6:16-23; 1 Chronicles 15:29-16:3)

- As the Ark came into the city, Michal saw David dancing before the Lord and despised him.
- The Ark was place into the Tabernacle David erected and he made sacrifices to the Lord.
- David then blessed the people in the name of the Lord and gave them a gift of food.
- Michal mocked David as a base fellow who uncovers himself before the maidens.
- David told her that he was dancing before the Lord who choose him as King over her father.

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- He stated that he would be more undignified than this as maidens held him in highest honor.
- The writer tells us that David separated from Michal and she had no children till her death.

V. Service in the Tabernacle (1 Chronicles 16:4-44)

- David appointed some of the Levites to minister before the Ark.
- They were to commemorate, thank and praise the Lord God of Israel.
- Asaph was the lead the Levitical musicians.
- David gave them a Psalm of Thanksgiving, Psalm 105, on that day.
- The write lists those whom David appointed to carry out worship at the Tabernacle.